

LOVE BEHIND PRISON BARS.

Two Convicts Sue for the Hand of a Nebraska Murderess.

ADVANTAGES POSSESSED BY THE WINNER.

A Young Lady Burned to Death Near Hastings—Serious Damages by Storm—Killed by Lightning—State News.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—It is publicly announced in the papers that Mr. Emil Peppercorn of Humboldt, Neb., has married Mrs. Maria Shindler of Gibson. Behind this little item is a romantic story. Peppercorn is a young German, graduate of one of the universities at Heidelberg, Germany, and an excellent civil engineer. Some six years ago, while residing in Richardson county, he became enamored of a young girl not yet fifteen, daughter of a well-to-do farmer. The girl returned his love, but her parents refused to allow her to wed. As a result they ran away to St. Louis to get married, but before the ceremony was performed they were overhauled by the irate father, who immediately preferred the charge of statutory rape against the young German. He was taken back to Richardson county and tried. Although the circumstances were in his favor his attorneys did not work very hard for him and he received a sentence of seven years. Inwardly rebelling against man's injustice he went to prison at Lincoln and faithfully served his term, being released in August last. His abilities were recognized by Warden Hopkins, and he had been for several years clerk to that official. Readers of THE BEE will remember a full story of Peppercorn's case a few months ago in a Sunday issue of this paper.

In another part of the big prison was a comely woman of about forty, who went by the name of Mrs. Brown. She was serving a ten-year term for the killing of her paramour, a man named Somers. The woman's first husband, Shindler, it is said, ran off with the wife of a neighbor named Brown. Mrs. Shindler and Brown were afterwards married, but as neither had secured a divorce it was not legal, and in time Brown left her. Afterwards she lived with Somers for some time as his wife, but one morning he was found outside the house dead, and she was tried and found guilty of his murder. During her stay in the big prison she acted as one of the sewing women, and was a most tractable prisoner.

Walter Hardin, who was serving a twenty-five year sentence for murder, was at the same time hospital steward at the penitentiary, and between the two he and Peppercorn there arose an intense rivalry for the affections of Mrs. Brown, as she was known in the prison. The woman appears not to have favored either suitor, but Peppercorn's position as warden's clerk afforded him opportunities of taking Mrs. Brown's meals to her, while it was said that Brown would not speak to her save with his eyes averted to the courtyard between his abiding place and the woman's ward. It appears that finally Hardin was left in the lurch, and Peppercorn, the woman plighted their troth. She was released from the prison a few months ago, and immediately made application for divorce from Brown. Her attorney, Shindler, who deserted her twenty years ago, it was granted, and on Saturday last she and Peppercorn were married. Peppercorn was paroled by the governor on the fourth of last July, but his present whereabouts are unknown. Peppercorn is at present pursuing his vocation as civil engineer in a small Nebraska town.

Storm Damage.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The heaviest wind storm ever known to this section prevailed here last night. The wind came from the southwest and began about 5 o'clock, lasting two hours. Unfading flames were seen demolishing in all quarters of the city. Chimneys were blown down, outhouses and shade trees demolished generally. A portion of the roof over Day's drug store was blown off and the rain that followed at a later hour damaged his stock to the extent of \$1,500. The total damage to the city will aggregate about \$10,000. A heavy rain sprung up about midnight and continued until 5 o'clock this morning. Telephone and telegraph lines were widely wrecked by the storm. Losses in the country districts near here. Few, if any, details can be obtained.

Death of a Pioneer.

VALPARAISO, Neb., April 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Andrew Johnson died at his home in this place in the evening of yesterday morning after an illness of several months. The deceased was born in Maine nearly seventy-five years ago, moving from there to Ohio, thence to Wisconsin, and finally coming to Nebraska in 1865. He homesteaded a piece of land upon which part of the town of Valparaiso is located. He was married to a woman who died in 1880. He was a member of the Grand Old Party and was appointed postmaster and held the office until about seven years ago. He was the father of five children, eight of whom with their mother survive him, namely: R. K. C. T. E. L. and Mrs. H. E. Throop of this place; C. B. in Holt county; A. S. and Mrs. C. W. in Cedar county; and Mrs. Gus. States of Lincoln. The grandchildren number sixty-two, and great grandchildren one. The interment took place this afternoon.

A Traveling Man Attempts Suicide.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A traveling man stopping at the Bestwick with his wife, attempted suicide last night by taking morphine. Prompt assistance of physicians saved him.

Frank Taylor, now in pursuit of the horse thieves who stole his valuable team Saturday night, has struck the city trail and expects to overtake them in a day or two. Twelve armed men are hard pressing the thieves.

The Hastings real estate exchange, with a capital of \$2,000, has been organized.

The Adams County Teachers' association will hold its next meeting in this city April 25.

Lost Her Life in the Flames.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The home of S. O. Cooper, nine miles north of Hastings, caught on fire from explosion of a lamp in an incubator and was totally destroyed. Miss Tuck, a sister of Mrs. Cooper, had retired for the night in a bed room adjoining the incubator, and before the other occupants of the house could reach and awaken her she had expired. The remains were taken from the ruins after the fire had done its work. The body was charred to a crisp. The head being disconnected from the trunk, presented a terrible sight.

Wreck on the B. & M.

YORK, Neb., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wreck on the B. & M., two miles west of this city, caused by two cars that were blown from a side track at Bradshaw, was more serious than reported this morning. Six loaded cars and nine empty ones were piled up in a narrow cut. The wrecking train arrived early this morning and at a late hour this evening had not succeeded in clearing the wreckage away so that trains could pass. No one was hurt, the engineer and fireman saving themselves by jumping.

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DAVID CITY, Neb., April 13.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A very severe wind storm passed over this city last night, and the result was the burning down of the stables of the David City stock farm.

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Boycotting the Socialists.

BENTON, Ark., April 13.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—A special publication has promised secret correspondence between prominent employers in metal industries, showing that they agreed to impart to one another the names of workmen who had been dismissed for breach of contract or for labor agitation, and bound themselves not to employ any of the dismissed workmen. The government workmen shops. The correspondence includes letters written by the minister of war and public works, dated May 3, 1890, in which the minister of war, who took part in the May day demonstrations, and to exclude known socialists from government employment. The correspondence also includes a letter from the minister of war, dated May 3, 1890, in which the minister of war, who took part in the May day demonstrations, and to exclude known socialists from government employment.

In the Commons.

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VIENNA, April 13.—The arts and trades association report to the minister of commerce in response to the United States government's invitation asking Austria to be represented at Chicago in 1892, was handed in today. The report emphasizes the desire of Austria to participate in the exposition, and asks that the Austrian government put pressure on the United States government with a view to removing any obstacle modifying the McKinley tariff measure.

Another Social Sensation.

LONDON, April 13.—A sensation has been caused in social circles throughout England by the fact that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Captain Edmund Hope Verney, M. P. for North Buckinghamshire. Captain Verney is charged with procuring the arrest of a woman named Mary Verney, who is alleged to have been a prostitute. The warrant was issued by the Home Office, and is believed to be the first of the kind issued in England for some time.

Abandoned the Koch Remedy.

BERLIN, April 13.—The medical faculty of the university of Bonn has abandoned the use of Koch's and Liebreich's remedies for tuberculosis.

Destructive Prairie Fire.

BUILDINGS AND STOCK BURNED—BIGAMIST FOSTER DISCHARGED. MITCHELL, S. D., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Frank N. Freeman, living near Mitchell, lost his house and barn and their contents by a prairie fire last night. The loss is \$3,000, with an insurance of \$1,000. The fire was caused by a spark from a fire Saturday, had his face, hands and feet seriously burned. One of his horses was fatally burned.

A Bigamist Set Free.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Prof. Foster, the bigamist, is a free man, and the Kentucky authorities have been notified that the officers leaving this evening are discharged with South Dakota. The argument was heard before Judge Aikens this afternoon upon the writ of habeas corpus issued several days ago. The judge declared that the executive warrant issued by Governor McLaughlin was defective and did not state why the prisoner was restrained from his liberty.

The Case Continued.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Plenty Horses appeared in the United States district court again this afternoon for arraignment, but the judge refused to accept them. The case was continued until tomorrow.

Woolen Dress Goods.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The United States supreme court today affirmed the judgments of the circuit courts of Illinois and New York in the customs cases of Seoberger, collector of customs of Chicago, against Farwell and others, and Magnus, collector of New York, against Edward Luckmeyer in regard to the proper duty under the act of 1883 on importations of woolen dress goods. The importers, so as to secure lower classification, introduced from 2 to 6 per cent of the people of Vermont, the cotton could not be detected except on very expert inspection, and that it cost as much as the wool. The evidence showed that these cotton threads than if made wholly of wool. The collector accordingly imposed a duty under the classification for all woolen goods. The lower courts held—and this

NEBEKER SUCCEEDS HUSTON.

President Harrison Appoints Him Treasurer of the United States.

DELAY IN OPENING UP INDIAN LANDS.

Rumor That Young Mrs. Blaine is About to Remove to South Dakota in Order to Secure a Divorce.

Washington Bureau The Bee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—As anticipated in these dispatches on Saturday night last, Enos Nebeker of Covington, Fountain county, Ind., has been appointed treasurer of the United States to succeed James N. Huston of Connorsville, Ind., resigned. Mr. Huston's resignation and the president's acceptance appear in the regular press dispatches. The publication of the letters which have passed between Nebeker and the president will negative the unjust statements which have been made to the effect "that there was a string tied to" Mr. Huston's resignation or that the president has hesitated about the appointment of a new treasurer except from a motive complimentary to Mr. Huston and for the public good.

Mr. Nebeker has been a capable and popular official, and his departure from Washington will cause regret in many directions. He is not in vigorous health, and for that reason and the further fact that he has large business interests in Indiana and elsewhere he has much desired to quit public life since last July or August, when he first tendered his resignation. It is understood that Mr. Nebeker will shortly visit South and Central America for recreation and to make some business investments.

Mr. Nebeker is here and will enter immediately upon the duties of his office. He has already made an excellent impression in official circles, his clean-cut appearance, business manner and ready way of doing things. He is a native of Indiana, and has resided there all his life. He is fifty-four years of age, and has been a member of the Indiana National Bank of Chicago and has been connected in one way or another with the banking business for about twenty years. He is a native of Indiana, and has resided there all his life. He is fifty-four years of age, and has been a member of the Indiana National Bank of Chicago and has been connected in one way or another with the banking business for about twenty years.

Meeting of the Teachers.

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Beaten by Liquor Dealers.

BURLINGTON, Ia., April 13.—A county constable named Green of Neodesha came here and with three deputies began a search of the place of Hirschberg. Before he finished reading his warrant he was surrounded by about forty liquor dealers, who gave him a terrible beating. His nose was broken and his teeth destroyed. His three deputies deserted him at the first blow and escaped from the crowd.

He's an Editor Now.

CEAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—N. B. Ashby of Des Moines, national lecturer of the farmers' alliance in 1889-90, has purchased an interest in the Farmer and Breeder of this city and will remove here soon and assume management of that paper.

Sickness Drove Him to Suicide.

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Crushed to Death.

FELL THROUGH AN ELEVATOR SHAFT—SENTENCED FOR MANSLAUGHTER. SALT LAKE, Utah, April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—When workmen began their daily labor on the new Knaford hotel this morning they found the body of a man at the bottom of the elevator shaft, crushed out of semblance. The man is supposed to be some one who was hunting a sleeping place on the top floor and fell. There was nothing to identify him except on his arm the words in India ink "Jack Pot" cut.

Three Years for Manslaughter.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 13.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William Anderson, the Denver man convicted of manslaughter for killing Edward Scott in December last, was today sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

In Bloomer Costume.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 13.—The effect of the McPhail anti-tights bill was seen tonight at the Lyceum theater, where an opera company performed the "Chimes of Normandy" in a Bloomer costume. There was a packed house, but the music and libretto were lost sight of in the ridiculousness of the affair.

The Weather Forecast.